## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION

Civil Action No. 5:19-cv-00145

Adrian E. Campbell,	)
Plaintiff,	)
	)
v.	)
	)
Andrew Saul,	) Consent Order
Commissioner Of	)
Social Security,	)
Defendant.	)

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Consent Motion for EAJA Fees (Doc. No. 18). This motion being submitted to the Court for entry of a Consent Order agreed to by the Parties and it appearing that Plaintiff, by and through his attorney, has executed this Consent Order and Defendant has executed this Consent Order, by and through the undersigned Special Assistant United States Attorney; and it appearing that the Parties have agreed that Plaintiff, Adrian E. Campbell, is entitled to attorney fees under the EAJA in the amount of \$5,350.00 in full and final settlement of attorney fees and costs arising under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). For the reasons stated in the Consent Motion, it is GRANTED.

Pursuant to the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Astrue v Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010), these EAJA fees are payable to Plaintiff as the prevailing party, and are subject to offset through the Treasury Department's Offset Program to satisfy any pre-existing debt Plaintiff may owe to the federal government. If, subsequent to entry of the Consent Order, the Commissioner determines that Plaintiff owes no debt to the government that would subject this award of attorney fees to offset, the Commissioner may honor Plaintiff's signed assignment of EAJA fees providing for payment of the subject fees to Plaintiff's Counsel, rather than to Plaintiff. If such a debt is

present, then any remaining fee after offset will be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff's Counsel.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that, the Consent Motion (Doc. No. 18) is GRANTED, and pursuant to the above, the Commissioner pay the sum of \$5,350.00 in full satisfaction of any and all claims arising under EAJA, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), and upon the payment of such sums this case is dismissed with prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: July 15, 2020

Frank D. Whitney

United States District Judge